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TAGS:EFIS CR

SUBJECT:LANDING OF US TUNABOAT MARIA ELENA

USG HAS NO RECOURSE AGAINST FISH OR PURCHASER OF FISH LANDED BY US VESSEL IN FOREIGN COUNTRY, EVEN THOUGH FISH WERE CAUGHT IN VIOLATION OF US REGULATIONS. RECOURSE, IF ANY, WOULD BE AGAINST OWNER OF VESSEL WHICH CAUGHT THE FISH. ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THAT ILLEGAL FISH ARE NOT REPEAT NOT DESTROYED OR EVEN PHYSICALLY SEIZED; CUSTOMARILY PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF FISH ARE IMPOUNDED. NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ARE STUDYING CASE OF MARIA ELENA ILLEGAL LANDING, BUT AT FIRST SIGHT IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THEY CAN PROCEED AGAINST OWNER UNLESS INFORMATION OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL NATURE CAN BE DEVELOPED. IF SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY OFFERS, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO LET APPROPRIATE GOCR AUTHORITIES KNOW THAT OUR ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE FEEL DEEPLY DISCOURAGED THAT GOVERNMENT OF MEMBER COUNTRY OF IATTC WOULD COUNTENANCE FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF TUNA CONSERVATION PROGRAM BY US VESSEL, ESPECIALLY AS THEY DO NOT RECALL ANY OUTSTANDING PAST INSTANCES OF GOCR COOPERATION IN ENFORCEMENT. PROBLEM OF BOOTLEG LANDINGS IN NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES IS SERI-CONFIDENTIAL

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OUS ENOUGH, BUT IF EVEN MEMBER COUNTRIES GIVE AID AND COM-

FORT TO VIOLATORS, FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL TUNA CONSERVATION  
PROGRAM LOOKS DARK INDEED. KISSINGER

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